Opening of counter insurgency schools

569. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to open a number of counter insurgency schools in the country by the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) in view of the increasing insurgency in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Need for establishing another counter insurgency school is being evaluated.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Shortage of Pilots in IAF

570. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is running short of pilots; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what steps have been taken to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The IAF is short of Pilots. The shortfall has occured over a period of time, largely due to a declining trend in intake. The intake has now improved. The IAF has a very stringent selection procedure including high medical standards.

(b) A vigorous publicity drive is being carried out to make the prospective candidates (School/College students) aware of the attractions of the Flying Branch of AF as a career. Approximately 3000 School/Colleges are on the regular mailing list of AF for sending publicity material/pamphlets etc. Some documentary films on IAF have also been telecast on Doordarshan.

Policies of Canteen Stores Deptt.

571. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the policies of Canteen Stores Deptt., which have been operating in favour of large and "national repute" firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the functioning of Canteen Stores Deptt.?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Canteen Stores Department (CSD) does not favour any firm whether large or small. The introduction of any product in CSD is based on a common assessment procedure with reference to market survey, pricing etc. and its continuance in CSD depends mainly upon its demand from the clients of CSD and is irrespective of the reputation or size of the suppliers/manufacturers.

(c) The functioning of the Canteen Stores Department is regularly reviewed by the Government and efforts continuously made to improve productivity, sales performance, efficiency and customer responsiveness.

Supply of Advanced Jet Trainers in IAF

572. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the supply of Advanced Jet Trainers to the Indian Air Force; and

(b) when was the demand for such Trainers made by the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Proposals for acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainer, have been obtained from short-listed vendors. These proposals have been scrutinised from the technical angle.

(b) The Indian Air Force had initially projected the demand for Advanced Jet Trainer in October, 1985. However, the procurement of Advanced Jet Trainer was deferred at that time.

Special Army Memorandum on Human Rights

573. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have published or

propose to publish a training manual entitled "Special Army Memorandum on Human Rights" in an effort to bring about a "mental change among the forces";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any violation of human rights by the Armed Forces during combing operations in the Kashmir Valley, Assam and Punjab during each of the last three years;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to protect and safeguard the honour and dignity of women and young girls in the areas where armed forces are deputed on security duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Army being a disciplined Force, have all along maintained a high standard of behaviour while dealing with civilians and others. Army HQrs have recently published a Special Army Training Memorandum on human rights with a view to heighten awareness of Human Rights issues amongst all Ranks of the Army still further.

(c) to (e) There has been no violation of human rights by the Armed Forces personnel. Allegations of malfesance and misconduct are occasionally made against the Army personnel deployed in Assam and Jammu & Kashmir. Most such allegations are found to be unsubstantiated, In such stray cases in which any substance is found in the allegations. appropriate action is taken against the offenders.

Clash with Militants in J & K

574. SHRI VIREN J. SHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Lt. Col. was killed and a Major General seriously injured in a clash with militants in Jammu and Kashmir as reported in Hindustan Times of June 7, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) the number of armed forces personnel killed and injured in Jammu and Kashmir so far during each of the last three years;

(d) what are the details of compensation paid and other assistance given to the families of those killed and to those injured;

(e) whether these persons have been treated like those killed/injured in a war, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(f) what are the details of benefits given to the armed forces killed/injured in a war and to those killed/injured in military operations in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Assam and other area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) In a cordon and search operation on the 5th of June 93, in Baramulla district, J&K, the Indian troops were fired upon by the anti-national elements. In the exchange of fire two Army officers were wounded—one of them—a Colonel—later succumbed to his injuries.

(c) A number of armed forces personnel have suffered casualties in J&K during the last three years in operations against the anti-national elements. It will not be desirable in public interest to disclose the details.

(d) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(e) and (f) The pensionary benefits given to the armed forces personnel killed/injured in a war and to those killed/injured in military operations in J&K, Punjab and Assam (as notified by the Government) are the same.

Statement

Assistance admissible to the families of those killed

Next of kin of Army personnel killed in clash with militants in J&K area are entitled to the following pensionary benefits:—

(a) Liberalised Special Family Pension at the rate of Last Pay Drawn by the service personnel till death or disqualification.

(b) Family Gratuity at the specified rates ranging between Rs. 2000 to Rs. 19000 for Officers and Rs. 450 to Rs. 1600 for JCOs and OR depending on the rank.

(c) Death Gratuity as under:—

(i)	Less than one year service	— 2 months pay
(ii)	Between 1—5 years service	— 6 months pay
*(iii)	Over 5 years but below 20 years service	— 12 months pay
(iv)	20 years or more service	— One month's pay